# **BELDING** TO GET 1347 TONS

HARD COAL BY FUEL ADMIN-ISTRATION-BUT.

at Lansing, has figured out the anot-ment of hard or anthracite coal for the various counties in the state and Ionia county is going set as her share 8199 tons. Belding is to get 1347 tons of this, Which if we get it, will go a long way toward helping out in the hard coal situation.

Whether the fuel administrator has figured out how he is going to deliver the coal we are unable to say, but be-

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Appropriate Gifts

M. L. Willoughby, the jeweler, has a window full of fine wrist watches which he is telling our readers about in his adv. this week. Mr. Willoughby bought a lot of these watches some time ago and they make especially appropriate gifts for your soldier boy friends. The watches are about as fine a lot as have ever been offered for sale in this city.

Patriotic Orders To Picnic

Saturday, August 10, the Post, W. R. C., and Sons and Daughters of Veterans will hold a picnic at the city park. Dinner will be served at one O'clock. Everybody turn out.

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and pleaded guilty to the charges we publish:

Machine Turns Turtle. A Ford runabout driven and owned by some Ithaca parties turned turtle

by some Ithaca parties turned turtle while going at a rapid rate of speed Sunday night just east of the Henry Werner corners, west of this city and very nearly completely wrecked the car. As is usually the case in auch happenings neither of the two occupants of the car were injured and escaped without a scratch, although they did receive a good sound shaking up, which may serve as a caution against fast and reckless driving in the future.

Battalion to Meet.
The annual meeting of the Ion'a County Battalion will be held at Lake Odessa, Wednesday, August 7.
All comrades and affiliated orders are urgently invited to come and have a good time with us.

R. C. Blair, Pres. Batt'n.

low is a l'st of the places which can figure on having hard coal, together with the amount they can figure on burning.

Belding, 1347 tons; Clarksville, 332 tons; Ionia, 2726 tons; Lake Odessa, 1025 tons; Lyons, 267 tons: Muir, 119 tons; Orleans, 86 tons; Palo, 150 tons; Portland, 1293 tons; Pewamo, 286 tons; Saranac, 473 tons; Shiloh, 45 tons and Smyrna, 50 tons.

Whitford Cottage 'Burned.

The Ed. Whitford cotage at Long lake burned Thursday night at about 11 o'clock. Whatever contents were in the cottage were destroyed by the before the work is started.

DING GIRLS AND WANT SWEET

Baptists To Picnic.

The members of the Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at Long Lake Friday, July 2. The first load of people will leave the church at 8 o'clock in the morning and it is hoped that a lot of people will go and join in the good time, which the picnics always bring with them.

Paid Their Fines.

Mitchell and Gillis, the two Ionia gentlemen who got into trouble here recently when the former drove his car into another car, while intoxicated, appeared before Justice Lapham and they want letters:

Mayor Fales has received a rather unusual letter the other day from some young men who comprise a "tank" squad near Gettysburg, Pa. Quite frequently mayors, postmasters and editors get requests from some lonesome fellow asking aid in hunting up a partner for a contemplated matrimonial venture, but this letter which is as follows, comes from a bunch of men serving Uncle Sam and they want letters:

Mayor Fales has received the following self-explanatory letter which

and pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

Mitchell was taxed \$50 and costs, amounting in all to \$55 and Gillis was taxed \$25 and costs, his pile coming to \$30. No one is safe when an intoxicated person is running a motor vehicle upon a highway and this ought to stop all such practices.

We publish:

Gettysburg, Pa., July 24, 1918.

Friend Mayer:

Being a squad of lonely tankers, in a very lonely camp, we are taking the liberty of asking you to put us in touch with some of the pretty girls of which Belding is noted for. We are very lonesome here, as we are miles in the mountains, away from the miles in the mountains, away from the town and we sure will appreciate a letter from some nice girls. Thank

was.

Practically all employes of the Ionia postoffice knew his signature so when one of these letters came through the mail, it is alleged, Malone would keep it. Ten dollars in bills sent by this man to a poor family was found on Malone's person and It is also also also also services.

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Bombing the American Red Cross hospital near Jouy, France, killing two and wounding several, or torpedoing a Spanish merchantman on a peaceful errand, or using the American incomplete in order to trap American in order to trap American perhaps the services and the control of the control o

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BELDING, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 81, 1918.



### WILL CELEBRATE DEDI-CATION OF SERVICE FLAG

The program is to be open to the public and everybody is invited.

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Mayor Fales has received the following self-explanatory letter which
friends of Mrs. Leonard Witt entertained with a farewell party in her honor Monday evening. Mrs. Witt

In Memoriam. In memory of my dear mother, who passed away July 27, 1913.

for the dedicat on of the parish service flag at the church, Sunday, August 4.

The services will begin with high mass at 10:30. A patriotic sermon by Fr. John A. Gabriels of Ionia-ledication and helesing of service flag on which will be a star for each one of the following young men who have gone forth to fight from this parish: Hubert M. Engemann, Martin J. Engemann, Arthur Dehn, Mat J. Martin J. Engemann, Arthur Dehn, Mat J. Connos, John Dehn (to go August 15), Nelson Curtis, Mike Kennedy, Jr., Orwall Klock, Thos. Bracken, Jr., Paul Havey, Francis J. Magin, Sylvester L. O'Connor, A. L. Cichy and any others whose names do not appear here, but who have gone to the dedication man for the parish of the most of the mos

MRS. JOHN EMMONS DIES AT that). GRATTAN HOME WHERE ALL

Accepts Position in Detroit.

Dale Klock, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Klock, left here Monday afternoon for Detroit, where he had accepted a position with Dodge Bros. as filing clerk. Dale is in the same department with Ernest Rummler and Lawrence Donovan, two other Belding boys who have been with Dodge Bros. for some time back. He is well able to take up his new position having been educated in our local schools and was one of the graduating class of 1917.

Have Moved Their Hall.

Local Odd Fellows were busy last night moving their lodge paraphernalia and equipment from the old quarters over Wagner's insurance office to the new place in the Crawford block on South Bridge street. The new place is just about completed and will be occupied the first time on Thursday night of this week.

MAN TRICKS — MEET THEM.

Our first letter this week is from Major Guy Wilson, in command of the 125th Michigan Infantry, in which are a number of Belding boys, Jack Barron and others, who while with the Flint company have their homes here.

Somewhere in?

In Front Line Trenches.

in his foot the surgeon took off a liftile bone splited by a piece of howitzer shell but it is better.

We may go and see him on Sundays. There are now 900,000 American soldiers in France (newspaper say that). It is possible because we see very many in Paris and there are what in France, too.

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From Sunny South.

Writing from St. Joseph's abbey, St. Benedict, L., A. Aust'n Beaumont, for years Pere Marquette station agent at Orleans, states that they were having beautiful weather. Potatoes were dug the middle of June, blackberries were a heavy crop and were harvested about June 1. Corn, sorghum and sugar cane were looking fine. He says that the main trees there are southern pine with oak, magnolia, balsam, cypress, gum, holly and other species along the river banks. In closing Mr. Beaumont sends his kind regards to all his friends in and around Orleans and Belding.

Kiddies Are Boesters.

The little children of South Pearl street served candy and ice tea cn the

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FRIEND WRITES AGAIN
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